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Soviet Military Commands

1. As of July 1951, a Soviet military command which is allegedly responsible for all Soviet military personnel in Bulgaria, was located in a 4-story building situated at 25 Mitsiya Street in Sofia, and covered an area 400 square meters in size.

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2. The commandant of this installation is an unidentified general [redacted] Colonel Vasilev, [redacted] fulfills the duties of chief of staff. [redacted] 200 officers are stationed at this command.

3. The commanding officer generally uses a blue ZIS-110 and Colonel Vasilev uses a light brown Moskvich car. The command is also equipped with approximately 80 Pobeda, Moskvich, Molotov, and ZIS cars, which are parked in the following garages:

- a. An underground garage, with an area of 300 square meters, located at 12-14 Denkoglov Street [redacted] and

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- b. A garage located in the basement and the ground floor of a 6-7 story building at 103 Rakovski Street [redacted] about 60-70 vehicles are parked here.

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4. An unidentified Soviet military command has been located in Dupnitsa since 1949-1950 in a 2-story building approximately 20 x 15 meters in size, situated in the center of the city, in the square formerly called Aleksandur Todorov Square. 25-30 officers are stationed here. 25X1
5. [] an unidentified Soviet military command was located in Kyustendil in the former Balkan Hotel, in front of the city hall, in the center of the city. The highest ranking officer observed here [] was a colonel. 25X1
6. An unidentified Soviet military command was located in a 2-story building in the square in front of the Gorna Dzhumaya railroad station [] 25X1
7. [] In many of the larger cities of Bulgaria, Soviet officers may be observed in transit. This also holds true for the zone bordering on Yugoslavia. 25X1
8. [] an unidentified Soviet unit, strength unknown, but not over 200 men, occupied part of the barracks where a Border Guard unit was located, in the southern outskirts of Sveti Vrach. 25X1

Movement of Troops and Equipment

9. [] 25X1
- a. 2-3 military trains from 4:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; and
- b. 2-3 military trains from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.
10. These trains were always composed as follows:
- a. 10-12 second class cars with a number of officers, noncommissioned officers and, with them, people in civilian clothes; enlisted men, about equal in number to the officers and noncommissioned officers, were also on these cars; and
- b. 5-7 box cars.
11. [] 25X1
- passing in the morning two trains made up of approximately 50 flatcars loaded with Stalin and T-34 tanks and self-propelled guns. These trains were drawn by two locomotives. [] at Dobrich, [] 25X1
- all Soviet military trains were considered as "special trains" and had to be granted the right of way.
12. [] in Vidin [] 25X1
- one day 5-6 military trains composed of 50-60 box cars passing through the station and going in a southerly direction.
13. [] the passage of Soviet military trains ferried across the Danube on ferry boats. 25X1
14. [] in Aytos [] 5-6 trains, 25X1
- composed of 40-50 boxcars, heading toward the interior of Bulgaria. These trains were called "heavy tonnage trains" by the station employees. [] 25X1
- [] the goods were loaded on the cars at Burgas.

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15. [redacted] on the Plovdiv-Pazardzhik highway, heading toward Pazardzhik, one or two columns per day of 20-25 trucks covered with canvas and loaded with unidentified goods. The vehicles were Praha and ZIS 3- and 5-ton trucks. Two or three trucks in the column were hauling guns [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] a total of 20-25 columns of this type. [redacted] 25X1
- the columns were going to Peshtera.

16. [redacted] columns of trucks of the same composition as those described above were observed on the Mezdra-Vratsa highway, going toward Vratsa. A total of approximately 10 columns passed during the above period [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1

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